

GOP Record: For, Of and By Hoover

By Louis F. Budenz

If there is anything above all that the tax tussle on Capitol Hill has debunked and deflated, it is the pretensions of the Republican Party.

The antics of Herbert Hoover's adherents in Congress last week rounded out a thoroughly discreditable and even disgraceful record. And it can be written down now, the ex-Great Engineer is the big boss of the entire "Grand Old Party."

When the Republicans voted in a solid bloc against the President, they added one more major black mark to their anti-people's stand throughout. From lead-lease to the tax measure, the GOP Congressmen have registered themselves on the wrong side of the political ledger, on the side indeed which would slow down the possibilities of victory.

In 1942, when the present Congressional seats were being contested, the GOP-men were tuning up on entirely different strings. Then they went to the country with the solemn pledge that they would be the custodians of national unity. They knew a bitter war was on, they said, and they would stand solidly by the commander-in-Chief. What was required was the presence of a few members of a "loyal opposition" in Congress, to check upon the efficiency and efficacy of the war measures and help put desirable objectives across.

Greedy-Needy Fight All the Way

The President has stood courageously and consistently against the machinations of the Republicans, aided by the Southern poll-tax Democrats, to hit hard at the masses. When Mr. Roosevelt labeled the tax bill last week as a relief to the greedy and a burden on the needy, he was characterizing the whole "old Mother Hubbard" treatment for the people which the rightist coalition has continually handed out.

GOP Words

The people, their edge dulled a little too much, took the Republicans at their word and sent a big number of them to Congress. The GOP words soon proved to be made of sand. Even before 1942, they had begun to build up a rank record of obstruction which should have put the people more on the alert.

On the arms embargo, they had cast their ballots against the security of the country. In the House of Representatives, it was 21 Republicans for the repeal of the embargo and 143 against; in the Senate, 3 Republicans for, 15 against.

On lend-lease (which strengthened America's arm by strengthening her allies), the House Republicans voted 125 to 24 against such aid. The Senate Republicans registered themselves 17 to 10 against the country's welfare.

For more recent cases, look at the vote in the Senate killing the food subsidies and that in the House robbing the soldiers of the ballot. In favor of boosting the cost of living for the people through the wiping out of food subsidies were 17 Republican Senators against only 3 who took a patriotic viewpoint.

On the robbery of the soldiers the vote was even more overwhelming. The House Republicans recorded themselves 175 to 18 for depriving our fighting men and women of the vote.

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Mayor Names Committee on Racial Unity

Mayor La Guardia announced yesterday the formation of his long-awaited Committee on Unity. Headed by Charles Evans Hughes, Jr., "a laborer," the committee consists of twenty civil, labor and Negro leaders of Catholic, Protestant and Jewish faiths.

Labor leaders include Dorothy Bellanca of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers and Thomas Murtha, head of the Central Trades and Labor Council. Among the Negro leaders are Dr. Channing Tobias of the YMCA national board and Reverend John H. Johnson, prominent Harlem minister.

Leaders of the various faiths include Raymond C. Campbell, well-known Brooklyn priest, Dr. Simeon C. Coffin, President of Union Theological Seminary, and Judge Nathan Perlman, head of the American Jewish Congress.

In his radio address over station WNYC yesterday the Mayor said the work of the committee is to "observe and study unfavorable conditions and dangerous trends, and analyze objectively their causes and what steps may be taken to combat them; to further amity and racial and religious harmony in our city."

He announced that the committee plans to maintain a "qualified" staff to make "studies and researches" for it.

Other members of the Unity Committee include Edmund Borgia Butler, former president of St. Vincent DePaul Society; Supreme Court Judge Charles Golden; Dr. William R. Granger of the Brooklyn Hospital Staff; Morris Hadley, President of the New York Public Library; Dorothy Henderson, Assistant Principal of P. S. 52; Norman Hurst; Edward Lasker, former presiding justice of the Appellate Division, second department; Alfred McCook, President of the Mutual Broadcasting System; George Z. Medalla, leading attorney; Colonel Allan M. Pope, President of the Welfare Council; and Henry C. Turner, former president of the Board of Education.

NBC BROADCASTS PART OF MAYOR'S SPEECH

Mayor La Guardia had a national audience for the first part of his regular Sunday broadcast over station WNYC. Because his speech dealt with problems of post-war reconstruction, which is of interest to all communities, the National

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Queens Unions Act Jointly on '44 Poll

Queens AFL, CIO and independent unions joined yesterday in agreement to take parallel action in this year's elections the first joint endeavor on the political field of all branches of the labor movement in the history of the borough.

The move was announced jointly by the officers of the Queens County Labor Legislative Committee and the Queens CIO Community Council. The Labor Legislative Committee has representatives from 22 AFL unions in the county, two independent unions and an official observer of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, a section of the railroad brotherhoods. The CIO Council represents the membership of 46 CIO local unions in Queens.

The joint statement issued by the two groups said in part:

"Following several discussions between the officers of our two groups, we have jointly agreed that labor's voice must be made heard during this critical time and that labor's full strength must be felt at the polls in 1944.

"There are no differences between us on program. Both the AFL and the CIO are dedicated to the unconditional surrender of fascism—to the task of winning of the war and to the winning of the peace so that we can have an enduring period of peace and prosperity at home as well as abroad."

The statement was signed by Albert Hassemer of Local No. 3 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (AFL) Chairman of the Queens Legislative Committee and Maurice Ponce of the Transport Workers' Union (CIO) chairman of the CIO Community Council.

At Weinstock Testimonial



Lawrence F. Lindelof, international president of the AFL Brotherhood of Painters, congratulates Louis Weinstock, secretary-treasurer of Painters District Council 9 at the Riverside Plaza dinner Saturday night which marked two decades of Weinstock's activity in the labor movement. (See story on page 4.)

'Pacifists' Make Aim Clear--War on Soviets

By John Meldon

We counted one attack every five minutes against the Soviet Union, its Red Army and Premier Joseph Stalin, at the "United Pacifist Conference," which concluded a two-day session here last night.

The conference was held at the Labor Temple, 242 E. 14th Street.

Hitler was rarely mentioned by name and every speaker linked Nazism with Communism.

Most militant anti-Soviet and anti-United Nations speakers were Evan Thomas, brother of Socialist Party head Norman Thomas, A. J. Muste, an executive director of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, and of course, George W. Hartmann, head of the pro-Nazi Peace Now mob.

GREET HARTMANN

Hartmann was given a rousing reception at Saturday's session when he appeared on the platform to address a "special interests" group of the conference, which, strangely enough, turned out to be the entire 200 delegates attending.

The welcome to Hartmann substantiated charges the Daily Worker has been making right along that Hartmann's "Peace Now," composed of America Firsters, Bundists and other Hitler-loving rats, has the complete support of the various "pacifist" leaders throughout the country such as Evan Thomas, Muste, Frederick Libby, Dorothy Hutchinson and so on.

Last night's session was headed by three speakers who discussed "the threat of post war fascism and what pacifists can do about it."

Speakers were Layne Lane, representing the War Resisters' League; Julian Cornell, counsel for the National Committee of Conscientious Objectors; and Broadus Mitchell, director of research for Dubinsky's International Ladies Garment Workers Union. Main theme of the speakers was that even if Hitler is defeated, a fascist regime in the U. S. A. and throughout the world is a foregone conclusion, so we might as well call the whole war off now because the people have nothing to gain from its further prosecution.

SOVIET AID TO JEWS

The Soviet Government, the Senator stated, has since the outbreak of the war given refuge to more Jewish refugees than all the rest of the world combined. "It should be a source of great rejoicing to every American," he said, "that of the 1,750,000 who succeeded in escaping the bloody sword of the German invaders, no less than 1,600,000 were evacuated by the Soviet government from Eastern Poland and the Russian territory which was subsequently occupied by the Germans. The rest of the world took about 150,000 Jews—less than one-tenth of those who found refuge in the Soviet Union."

Stating that he was speaking as a Jew, he said:

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Toll of Enemy Ships at Truk Raised to 40

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Feb. 27 (UP).—Forty Japanese ships were sunk, probably sunk or damaged in the historic Pacific task force attack on the Japanese Truk Naval Base Feb. 16 and 17 instead of 26 as originally announced, Admiral Chester W. Nimitz revealed today.

Reconnaissance photographs disclosed that 23 enemy ships were sunk, six probably sunk and 11 damaged.

Previously the score had been 39 enemy ships sunk and seven probably sunk.

Thus Nimitz was able to revise upward by more than 50 per cent the enemy losses in the bold Pacific Fleet attack in shipping alone, and in addition the Japanese lost 20 planes destroyed and more than 50 damaged, aside from destruction wrought in installations of all kinds.

The total of Japanese ships sunk by the United States alone since the start of the war is now 1,191.

Damaged ships added to the toll in the Truk raid included a very large transport and several cargo ships, a Navy spokesman said.

"A study of reconnaissance photographs of Truk revealed that total damage to shipping was greater than was originally announced," Nimitz said in a press release.

He revealed also that Navy and Army planes had made new attacks on Ponape, and Kusaie, at the eastern end of the Caroline Islands on the way to Truk and the Marshall Islands atoll—Wotje, Maloelap, Mill and Jaluit—on which an estimated 10,000 Japanese are now isolated.

Tito Retakes Main Adriatic Islands

LONDON, Feb. 27 (UP).—Marshal Josip (Tito) Brozovich's Peoples Army has recaptured most of the strategically important islands, guarding the Dalmatian Coast in a spreading counter-offensive supported by Allied sea and air units, reports from Yugoslav headquarters said today.

The Partisans, concentrating on the islands off the Croat province, began their drive against the enemy-occupied Adriatic Island chain after amassing considerable quantities of equipment close to the coast, the Free Yugoslav Radio said.

Allied planes and naval units based in Italy were credited with playing an important role in the counter-offensive.

15,000 Nazis Taken in Italy

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Naples, Feb. 27 (UP).—More than 14,000 prisoners have been captured so far in the Italian campaign, Allied Headquarters announced today as bad weather closed in over all Italian battlefronts to hold ground activity to small skirmishes and patrol activity.

Halted on the ground by Allied stone-wall defenses, the Germans threw glider bomb attacks at dusk against Anzio harbor area last Friday headquarters revealed, in a resumption of their efforts to break up the flow of supplies pouring in to support the beachhead troops.

Liberate 300 Towns On Northern Front

LONDON, Feb. 27 (UP).—Soviet troops, hurling the Germans back toward the Baltic states at the rate of ten miles a day, today smashed to within 14 miles of Pskov and captured more than 300 towns along a 150-mile front in northern Russia.

Swinging in against Pskov from the north and east, the combined armies of Generals Leonid A. Govorov and Markian M. Popov captured more than 90 towns in today's fighting. Among them was Chermasha, 14 miles northeast of the Baltic gateway city, and the rail station of Maslogosty, 20 miles to the northwest.

Some 100 miles to the south another Soviet force, striking westward from Novosokolniki, captured the rail station of Pustoshka, cutting the highway running south-east from Pskov. The drive into Pustoshka represented a 12 mile gain in 24 hours and it placed the

(By United Press)

The Moscow-Kiev express has left the Soviet capital on its first trip south since the Germans were driven from Kiev, the British Radio reported Sunday quoting Radio Moscow.

Soviets only 19 miles east of Idris, junction of the last German north-south railroad in northern Russia. That is the line running 150 miles south from Pskov, through Idris to Polotsk.

More than 50 towns were taken in that westward smash which, at Pustoshka, placed the Red Army only 44 miles from the Latvian border.

In the center of the Northern Front other Soviet forces, driving westward between Pskov and Novosokolniki, captured more than 100 towns, making a total of more than 300 liberated on the Northern front in two days.

Moscow reported action also on the front inside the Western Ukraine around Krivoriog, great iron center in Southern Russia which the Red Army captured last week.

Moscow said that northwest and west of Lutsk, a town 85 miles across the West Ukrainian border which the Soviets captured on Feb. 5, the Germans opened an offensive several days ago against the Soviet bridgehead on the west bank of the Stry River.

The Germans drove an "insignificant" wedge into the Soviet lines but in subsequent attacks, Moscow's broadcast war bulletin said, the Soviets not only hurled the attack themselves and won several unidentified towns, Moscow said the Germans suffered heavy losses in the abortive assault.

Southeast of Krivoriog Moscow said that several towns were captured including Novo Vorontsovka on the Dnieper River 33 miles southeast of the iron center.

Earlier Moscow reports had said that German resistance was stiffening on the Northern Front.

Token Plan Goes Into Action Today

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (UP).—Housewives tomorrow get their first look at the world's greatest food rationing program, the stamps-upon plan which OPA officials promise will be much simpler than the old one.

Officially, the plan went into effect today. Actually consumers begin their indoctrination courses tomorrow when grocery and meat stores open for early shoppers.

Coffee Demands Break With Spain

CHICAGO, Feb. 27 (UP).—Rep. John M. Coffee (D., Wash.) declared tonight that this country must end "the farce of false neutrality" and make a complete break with Spain.

He assailed "our timid, head-in-the-sand policies of appeasing Francisco Franco, the Spanish figurehead."

"After all the blood the democracies have shed in this war against world fascism, we still refuse to take cognizance that Spain is officially a signatory of the Axis pact. We still shut our official eyes to evidence of German submarine and fueling bases in Spanish waters. We still extend the official hand of friendship to Franco who sends divisions to fight our Allies on the Russian front."

"We are told by the defenders of this policy that, if we get Franco angry, he will go over to the Axis lock, stock and barrel," he said. "What utter nonsense! Franco went over in 1933."

UP Apologizes To Soviet Gov't

(By United Press)

Two weeks ago tonight the United Press carried a dispatch from London concerning alleged reports in neutral diplomatic quarters of an unfortunate incident involving Premier Marshal Stalin and Marshal Timoshenko at Prime Minister Churchill's birthday party in Tehran.

The United Press regrets having circulated this erroneous report and has called apologies to the Soviet government with assurances that no offense was intended against the head of the Soviet Union.

"The United Press is taking appropriate measures to see that no such inadvertence can occur again in London or elsewhere," the cable said. "The management deeply regrets the unfortunate London story."

Servicemen's Aid Column

Turn to page 4 for the first of our weekly columns on Servicemen's Aid. The column will appear every Monday.

Detroit CIO Backs FDR Veto of Tax Bill

DETROIT, Feb. 27.—Recognizing the seriousness of the events of the past few days in Washington, the Wayne County CIO Council today in a message to President Roosevelt, endorsed his veto of the tax bill. The tax bill it said, "neither meets our country's wartime needs nor sufficiently taxes swollen corporation profits and individual high incomes."

It pointed out that the CIO has fought consistently for an adequate and equitable tax bill.

"We deplore the attempts of isolationist and reactionary fascist forces to impede victory and a democratic peace," reads the message, and "we pledge to our full support in winning the war and effectuating the Tehran decisions."

At the same time, messages were also sent to Senators Vandenberg and Ferguson, urging them "in the interests of national unity and victory, to uphold the President's veto and give full support to his war program."

The Council has called upon the more than 200 CIO local unions and the 400,000 CIO members in Wayne County to let their Senators know how they feel about this attack against the President and the war effort, and to tell President Roosevelt of their unflinching support.

Robeson Honored At Jewish Temple

Paul Robeson, the fighting Negro actor, has been honored again for his great work in behalf of minority groups.

This time he received a silver plaque, the first in a series of annual awards to be presented by Congregation Talmud Torah Knesseth Israel, Far Rockaway synagogue.

The ceremony, held last night at Temple Beth-El in Coneyhurst, was attended by 400 members and friends of the congregation who, in paying tribute to Robeson, highlighted their 14th anniversary as a religious group.

The plaque reads as follows: "First Annual Award, 1944, presented to Paul Robeson for outstanding work in helping to combat racial hatred, inequality and religious bigotry."

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U.S. Output Amazes British Visitors, Say Labor for Unity

"American production, as we have seen it, is staggering," the four British workers who for the past two months have been touring U. S. war industries told Allied Labor News this week.

"It just rocks you back to see aircraft and other war materials coming off the assembly lines like automobiles did before the war," they declared in a joint statement. "The speed and efficiency of American production takes your breath away."

The visitors' coast-to-coast tour was conducted under the auspices of the Office of War Information and War Production Board.

"But one thing about this production flow must be stressed," they added. "The unions have real control over it. Thanks to the unions—which everywhere in the U. S. are undergoing tremendous expansion and strengthening—there is no longer indiscriminate speeding-up. Charlie Chaplin's 'Modern Times' is no longer true. Labor is the master of mass production."

The four workers are John Henry Jones, Iron and Steel Trades Confederation; Pat Carey, Sheet Metal Workers; James Henry Ward, Amalgamated Engineering Union, and John Henry Clark, Transport and General Workers.

One of the main impressions of their tour, they said, is "the tremendous desire of American work-

ers for unity with the workers of Britain, China, the Soviet Union, Latin America and all other allied countries. There is a growing recognition, they said—among AFL as well as CIO workers—that international labor must stick together if we are going to have a world organized in the interests of the common people after the war."

Considerable concern is being expressed by AFL members at the federation's non-participation in the forthcoming world labor conference in London, they added, explaining: "at meeting after meeting which we attended—AFL, CIO and joint AFL-CIO resolutions were passed calling for all-inclusive international labor unity."

During their visit the four workers split up, Jones going to Pittsburgh and other steel centers, Ward to Los Angeles, Wichita, Chicago and Bridgeport; Clark to St. Louis, Cleveland and Wilmington, and Carey to Detroit, Chicago, Milwaukee, Camden and other war industry areas.

Queried on his view of John L. Lewis, Carey—shop stewards' chairman in a London plant making Halifax bombers—said:

"He seems like a Cinderella who has lost her last slipper."

This week the visitors had a two-hour interview with Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt in her New York apartment.

Australia Labor Backs Move of Gov't for More Federal Powers

SYDNEY, Feb. 27 (ALN).—The proposal of the Australian Labor government this week to increase federal powers has won the support of trade unions throughout the country.

Warning of the extremely difficult problems that Australian workers will face after victory, union jour-

nalists believe here that only a central government, armed with full powers, can successfully overcome them. The Australian commonwealth is organized on a federal basis, with certain rights constitutionally reserved to the states, in much the same manner as the U. S.

The government's proposal, introduced as a "powers bill" by Dr. Herbert V. Ewart, Attorney General and Minister of Foreign Affairs, provides for the transfer of four powers from state governments to the common-

wealth government for a period of five years after the war. It comes up for national referendum in June.

Large business interests and "state's rights," arguing along similar lines as opponents of a federal ballot for servicemen in the U. S., are vigorously opposing the "powers bill."

Typical of the trade union attitude is the statement this week by the national council of the Amalgamated Ironworkers - Munition Workers, which, after stressing the primary importance of "subordinating everything for victory over fascism," outlined a program for a better life after the war in line with government proposals.

"The unity achieved at Tehran and the advance of the armies of the United Nations on all fronts will have tremendous influence in the

post-war world," the council declared.

"The violence of the class struggle is being dissipated through wars of bloodshed and suffering. This suffering is not yet ended, but the chance is given for peaceful development after the war, towards the higher form of society sought by the workers."

Passage of the transfer of powers bill means concrete action on the following: Jobs for Australia's 800,000 servicemen and servicewomen; the building of 300,000 additional homes; effective control over trusts, combines, and monopolies; a system of roads, canals, soil erosion control and other national works; making the country's railway system uniform; health protection; aviation planning; and protection for the aboriginal peoples of this continent.

Colombia Labor Spurs Drive to Have Lopez Back as Gov't Chief

BOGOTA, Feb. 27 (ALN).—Organized labor wants Dr. Alfonso Lopez to return to the presidency of Colombia, from which he took a leave of absence, and the campaign initiated by the Confederation of Colombian Workers (CTC) to bring him back is gaining strength.

It is widely believed here that Dr. Lopez was forced to take leave of his post by reactionary and anti-labor elements in his own Liberal Party.

Dr. Dario Echandía, now acting president, is understood to have refused to go along with the attempt to prevent Lopez from resuming office.

Anti-government activity by the

Conservative Party and its leader, Laureano Gomez, has stirred new and broader support for the popular movement behind Dr. Lopez, main target for their attacks.

The president returned here from the United States last week following attempts by Gomez' followers to overthrow the government.

Gomez, former Minister to Germany, has been a leading Hitler and Franco supporter in Colombia. After his most recent attacks on the government, especially through his paper, *El Siglo*, criminal charges were placed against him Feb. 10. He refused to be examined, was charged with contempt of court and held in jail overnight. His followers repelled with a virtual attempt at civil war. *El Siglo* advised its readers "to be alert in order to

fulfill strictly the orders which will be dictated in the course of a few hours" and proclaimed Colombia "on the border of revolution."

Armed supporters of Gomez attacked the buildings housing other newspapers and plundered government warehouses.

Action by the people, mobilized by the CTC, prevented this from developing into a fascist coup d'état. Jointly with Liberal and Communist Parties, the Confederation held demonstrations in Bogotá, Barranquilla, Cali, Bucaramanga and other cities. In Bogotá, Gomez followers attacked the meeting and there was a violent battle. Pedro J. Diaz, Communist leader, was shot and seriously injured. Insurgents took refuge in the *El Siglo* building under heavy police protection.

Italian Leaders Urge MP's Aid Liberation Fight

LONDON, Feb. 27 (ALN).—Replying to the cabled greetings from 78 members of the British Parliament to the Bari Congress of Italian democratic parties last month, the executive committee of the Italian Committee of Liberation urged the M. P.s "to present and clarify once and for all to the English people the truth, past and present," about Italy.

"We count on you to create through your example a thorough understanding of the Italian people on the part of the British Parliament and British public opinion," the message, signed by representatives of the Labor, Action, Christian Democratic, Communist, Labor-Democratic and Socialist parties, stated. Messages were also sent to Bari by CIO president Philip Murray and AFL president William Green.

About a Fleeing Nazi General Who Lost His Diary...

By Ilya Ehrenburg
(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

MOSCOW, Feb. 25.—When the commander of the 10th Infantry division, Lieut. Gen. Forst, beat a hasty retreat he forgot to take along his diary. This diary gives us an inkling of the joys and sorrows of the German general.

In May of 1943, Field Marshal von Manstein paid the general a visit. Later he lived in a Ukrainian village which he describes as "clean and pleasant." He ate well and dreamt about the approaching offensive.

Just before the decisive victories, the lieutenant general was given a furlough which he spent at the resort of Pirmont with his wife. On his return to the front he went back to his alcoholic joys. In June, the lieutenant general again visited the west. He had been called out to Hitler's headquarters. Availing himself of the opportunity, Forst decided to visit his wife who was already at home in Alberfeld. Here the general suffered several unpleasant minutes.

This is what he writes:

"All the stations on the way were completely destroyed. It was clear that Alberfeld had also been heavily bombed. Our fine-looking barracks were severely damaged. As I drew closer to my house I found myself veiling over ruins. The restaurant 'Friedensheim' was razed to the ground. Our house is still standing whereas the neighboring buildings were either burned down or heavily damaged."

"A small caliber incendiary bomb cut through to our kitchen. We boarded up the windows and packed away the most valuable belongings. On June 27, we left on an army truck for Hagen and from there for Sagen."

"This sad incident closes the first chapter of the diary. The second chapter is headed 'offensive.' Hitler denied that the German troops had launched an offensive on Kursk on July 5, 1943. General Forst was more frank:

"My division was the second one

Looking Over Invasion Coast



Allied chiefs watch American and British ground units in invasion maneuvers off the English coast. An unidentified officer is pointing something out to (left to right) Air Marshal Sir Arthur Tedder, Deputy Commander of Invasion Forces, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Supreme Commander, and Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery, head of British invasion armies.

London Getting Fed Up With Polish Gov't Anti-Soviet Stand

Increasing British impatience with the stubborn anti-Soviet stand of the Polish government-in-exile was reported over the week-end as it became clear that the London emigres have no intention of abandoning their claim to Byelorussian and Ukrainian territories east of the Curzon line.

Whether or not the Polish government would soon crack up as a result of the deepening official British dissatisfaction with its attitude, week-end reports made it clear that the real power in the government is the commander-in-chief of the Polish armed forces and "underground," Gen. Kazimierz Sosnkowski.

Together with the Polish president, Wladyslaw Raskiewicz, Sosnkowski holds the whip-hand in the Polish regime and clearly has no intention of an amicable settlement with the Soviet Union.

According to London dispatches, the British foreign minister, Anthony Eden, saw the Polish foreign minister Tadeusz Romer on Friday and expressed in "rather sharp" terms his displeasure with the refusal of the reactionary Poles to accept the Curzon line as a basis for Soviet-Polish relations.

The Curzon line was originally proposed by the Soviet Union in its note of Jan. 26, 1939, and corresponds to the actual Polish border before the aggression upon the USSR in the summer of 1939. In his speech last Tuesday, Prime Minister Winston Churchill declared that the British government considers the Curzon line frontier the only historically-just and politically-possible border.

CHURCHILL CLARIFIES ISSUE

Churchill expressed the conviction that post-war Poland could have territorial concessions at Germany's expense and a broad access to the Baltic sea. He emphasized that Great Britain, like the Soviet Union, is committed to the restoration of Polish independence, but not to the particular anti-Soviet frontiers which the Polish reactionaries insist upon claiming as their own.

The newspaper of the Polish armed forces in the Near East declared bitterly to Churchill's declaration and said "we don't give up and will not give up anything."

Sosnkowski, meanwhile, in a speech to a Polish Air Force station in Britain declared that his alleged underground would cooperate with the Red Army only if the Soviet Union recognized the legality of the Polish government-in-exile's agents—a repetition of previous threats that the alleged underground will not cooperate with the Red Army unless the reactionaries have their way.

LONDON IMPATIENT

Since the British government undertook on its own initiative to negotiate for the London emigres, the signs of its impatience and disappointment with the Poles means

that the government-in-exile is becoming diplomatically isolated.

The United States has taken a "hands-off" attitude preferring to let White Hall handle its own "hot potato." The trip of the dummy Polish premier, Stanislaw Mikolajczyk, was obviously called off on Washington's suggestion. The Polish ambassador here, Jan Ciechanowski, is en route to London to see his government-in-exile for the first time in three years... another sign of acute crisis.

Reactions of Polish democrats and Polish American trade unionists in London,

this country, plus the "Union of Polish Patriots" in Moscow, and a possible re-awakening of reasonable circles in London point to the early formation of an emigre center in opposition to the government-in-exile.

A National Peoples Council, it has already been reported, was formed inside of Poland last December. It is undoubtedly proceeding toward the mobilization of Polish democratic forces in harmony with Britain and the Soviet Union and against the hopelessly decrepit government in London.

Certain sections of the Polish language press in this country are abetting the United Nations' aims, according to Lee Krzycki, president of American-Polish Labor Committee and vice-president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America.

Mr. Krzycki made the charge last week-end at an all-day conference of the Polish-American Trade Union Council of New Jersey.

Attacking the claim of the reactionary Polish press that Secretary of State Cordell Hull approves of aggression, Mr. Krzycki noted:

"When Hull came back with an agreement from Moscow, subversive sections of the Polish-American press said he went there to sell Poland down the Volga."

"These attacks are a challenge to

democracy and to the Polish people everywhere."

Mr. Krzycki continued: "The Polish underground movement calls for taking over millions of acres of land and parceling them out to the peasants. This movement will not be dictated by the Polish government-in-exile in London. It is ready to start functioning when the Red Army with two Polish Divisions led by Polish officers enters Poland to avenge the slaughter of three million Poles by the Nazis."

The meeting was also addressed by Carl Holderman, State chairman of the CIO Political Action Committee, who called on the delegates to help mobilize the widest number of Polish-Americans in support of labor's political action as expressed in the best interests of the nation.

of protest or warning, to terrorize those who dare to oppose their harmful, anti-popular policy. However, despite these methods of intimidation the sober voices of democratic groups in the Polish emigre circles are beginning to be heard ever louder, and as the defeat of Hitlerite Germany and the victory of the democratic coalition draws closer, these sober voices will increase and ring out more emphatically.

"It is clear that there can be no question of unity even among Polish ruling circles composed of different groups which are fighting among themselves, and all declarations about this unity merely serve to cover up the internal squabbles."

"The very semblance of such unity is possible only while the more progressive elements succumb to the pressure of reaction and submit to its hegemony."

"I saw how Lieut. Gen. Forst himself set fire to a house in which there were women and children. That done, the general ordered us to burn the remaining houses."

Yes, General Forst is the first one to set an example to his Jerries. He even showed them how to beat a hasty retreat. If Lieut. Gen. Forst can lose his diary when fleeing, it is not surprising that his soldiers lose guns, machine guns, rifles and also their heads.

The general grows melancholy: "The soldiers are suffering extremely. The numbers of men are dwindling. The enemy aircraft greatly harassed us at times. Unfortunately, also the divisional headquarters suffered certain losses. The division lost some 130 officers and nearly 7,000 non-commissioned

Finland Can Have Just Peace --- If

The only concrete news on the Finnish diplomatic situation remains the bombardment of key military areas in southern Finland by units of the Soviet air force. Helsinki, the Finnish capital, was bombed again late Saturday night, according to United Press.

But speculation continues unlimited in London where week-end reports said that Finnish emissaries had been invited to Moscow to discuss armistice terms.

London quarters, according to the Times correspondent, James B. Reston, believe that the Soviet attitude is eminently reasonable, but expect an acute crisis inside of Finland before that country can break away from Germany.

While all the details of the alleged Soviet terms come from Stockholm and London, they are being used as a basis for the speculations in the press.

According to these sources, the USSR has made a distinction between armistice terms and peace terms.

The supposed armistice terms are based on the 1940 borders between Finland and the USSR after the so-called "winter war."

The naval base of Hangö, in the Baltic sea, is not mentioned, nor are immediate changes in the Finnish government.

War damages and a permanent settlement are left until later, according to these same speculations.

NAZI ARMY IN FINLAND

The essential point, however, is the disposition of the 100,000 German soldiers and officers now stationed in northern Finland, and, according to some sources, now coming into southern Finland as well.

According to Reston, the USSR proposes that the Finnish army turn around, isolate and destroy these seven German divisions. The Red Army would be prepared to help in this operation.

In a sense therefore the situation is similar to the one which existed in Italy last July, when the Allies originally were interested only in dealing with any Italian government that would help throw the Nazis out of Italy.

But in that case, the delay of the Badoglio government from July to September enabled half a million Nazis to entrench themselves not only in northern but southern Italy. London circles are asking whether the Finnish government is going to do the same, and predict that this will be one of the measures by which the Soviet Union judges the good faith and real desire for peace by the Finnish rulers.

All London and Stockholm speculations insist that the reported Soviet proposals are very reasonable and motivated only by the desire to throw the Germans out of Finland. These proposals were reported transmitted to the United States and Great Britain earlier last week.

STUMBLING BLOCKS

On the other hand, there is abundant evidence that some of Finland's rulers are disposed to delay getting out of the war which would have the effect of strengthening the German position inside of Finland.

It is agreed that the Finnish people desire peace more than anything else, and this is reported the view of many leaders in the major Finnish parties, the Swedish Peoples Party, the Agrarians, and the Social-Democrats.

Two stumbling blocks stand out

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Blast Dewey's Plan to End Court Election

State CIO Says Move Is Blow to People's Rights

The recent proposal by Governor Thomas E. Dewey to substitute an appointive system for judges instead of the present system of electing judges was characterized yesterday by Louis Hollander, president, and Harold J. Garbo, secretary-treasurer of the New York State CIO as "turning back the clock on democratic development and a blow to the people's right of free democratic choice."

The two State CIO officials added: "Under the Dewey plan, designation by the Governor deprives the people of any right to choose their judges. The people of the State of New York are not ready to accept their judges by dictate of whoever may be the occupant of the Executive Mansion. Governor Dewey's proposed plan is far worse than the evil it seeks to cure. His approach is blind-sight and not fore-sight."

A public hearing on the Governor's proposals will be held Thursday afternoon, March 2, in Albany, before the Senate Judiciary Committee. A number of leading civic and legal organizations in the state have expressed opposition to the proposals. Among them are the New York Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild and the Bronx Bar Association.

The State CIO officials recommended, in their statement yesterday, the substitution of the direct primary method in nominating judges instead of the present convention method. This, they said, "will filter out undesirable judicial candidates."

The primary method was recommended by the Lawyers Guild and the Bronx Bar Association in a conference of leaders of these two groups with legislative leaders last week. Charles Breitler, Governor Dewey's counsel, participated in the conference, out of which arose the decision to hold a public hearing.

LaGuardia Names Inter-Racial Group

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Broadcasting Company invited him to speak over its facilities.

The Mayor said that a survey of about one per cent of the firms in the New York City revealed that they intend to purchase for building and machinery about \$1,300,000,000 worth of goods after the war. Plans that have developed post-war plans number 1003 of 1774 interviewed by the Mayor's Post War Industrial Committee, he reported. There are 140,000 business and industrial firms in the city. Since most of the large firms are among those interviewed, the average will not hold up among the rest.

He claimed, however, that firms in the city will spend many billions of dollars immediately after the war for building and machinery, and that many firms have their plans completed.

Following the national hook-up, the Mayor attacked the cut voted by the Legislature in state aid to education, which amounts to \$4,300,000 for the city. He claimed that a proportionate cut in the city's share of funds for education will have to be made.

Chinese Mission Land in Tehran From Britain

(By United Press)

A London broadcast reported Sunday that a Chinese good will mission which visited Britain has arrived by plane in Iran on their way home. The broadcast, heard in New York by the United Press, said the Chinese would spend three days in Tehran.

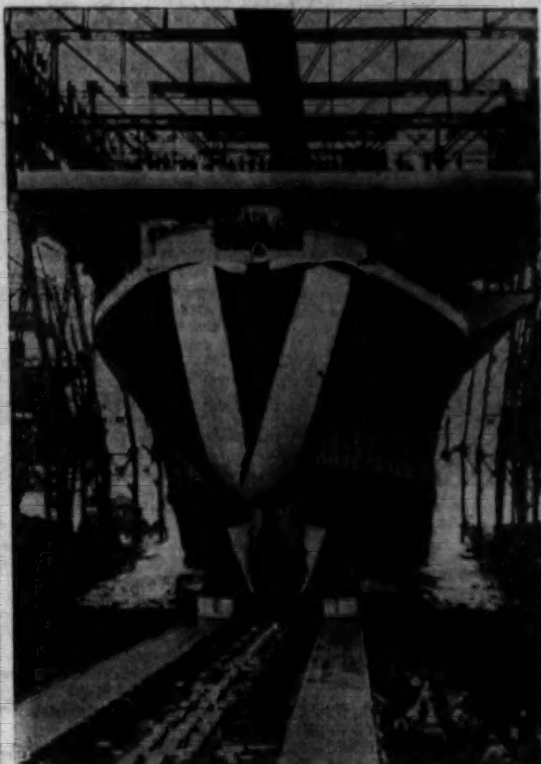


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Shangri-La Launched



The new aircraft carrier "Shangri-La" shown sliding down the ways into the water at Portsmouth, Va., Navy Yard. Named after a mythical place her lethal power will be anything but that—as the Japanese will learn later.

Negro Family Burned Out, Call Rally Tonight

The burning of a Negro home at 27-44 Erickson St., East Elmhurst, supposedly by unknown persons early Saturday morning, will be protested at an interracial mass meeting in Community Hall, 35-30 103rd St., Corona, at 8:30 tonight (Monday). Speakers will include Councilman Benjamin J. Davis, Jr., former

Councilman Adam Clayton Powell, Hope Stevens, chairman of the Manhattan Council, National Negro Congress, and Charles Collins, executive secretary of the Negro Labor Victory Committee.

Mrs. Herman Holiday, whose husband, a postoffice clerk, had left for work an hour earlier, was awakened by the crying of her 11-day-old infant about 3 A. M. Saturday morning. The second floor apartment occupied by her and husband and child was filled with smoke arising from below and she could hear the crackling of flames.

Mrs. Herman snatched up her partly dressed child, and ran into the street and to a neighbor's house. She knocked, but the door was slammed in her face when the woman who opened it saw the Negro mother and child.

A lone fireman appeared some time later, according to Walter Riefke, 100-02 Northern Boulevard, Corona, Negro agent for the property, but left a half hour later, having decided that he could do nothing. The Holiday infant is a request that it be forwarded to the CIO and to recognized veterans' groups. Other proposals were:

1. Adequate appropriations for the U. S. Employment Service.
2. Vocational training for all veterans, not only the wounded, and educational opportunities for those whose studies were interrupted by service.
3. Immediate and full provision for hospitalization and medical care for all who need it.
4. Adequate and speedy handling of a pension program for disabled veterans and dependents of the war dead.
5. A sound farm settlement program with federal backing.
6. Voluntary re-enlistment at the war's end.



Wash. State Legislators Ask Probe Of Langlie Tie to Moral Rearmament

(Special to the Daily Worker)

SEATTLE, Feb. 27.—Sixteen state legislators from the King County area calling upon the Congressional sub-committee, headed by Rep. Ed Isak, to continue probing the stranglehold Moral Rearmament has on the state administration.

The legislators acted after Republican Governor Arthur B. Langlie declared in calling a special legislative session on Feb. 28th to permit soldiers' vote legislation that "no other problem confronting the state" required legislative action. Langlie's statement is considered particularly alarming in view of the recent report by the Isaac committee—which included four Republicans and two Democrats—that Washington state was not meeting its wartime duties.

The governor, his lieutenant Mayor Wm. F. Devin of Seattle and Councilwoman F. F. Powell are linked with Moral Rearmament and are following "do nothing" policies. State legislators who signed a

telegram to Rep. Isak, include Senators Thomas O. Rabbitt, Albert J. Rosellini, Mel Neal, Paul Thomas and John Todd; Representatives H. C. Armstrong, J. Goucher, Michael Gallagher, George Hurley, Emma Taylor Harman, H. D. Hall, Richard Murphy, William Pennock, Mrs. Julie B. Smith, Jeanette Testu and Conrad Vinje.

Telegram excerpts to Rep. Isak are: "We, the undersigned public officials, charge that the failure of state and city administration to do their full wartime duty is because officials, occupying powerful state and municipal elective offices, are infected by the defeatist, pro-fascist poison of Moral Rearmament."

"With the special session of the Legislature opening Feb. 28 we urge your committee to investigate the extent to which the defeatist virus of Buchmanism has retarded our local government war activities and also to suggest measures which we may support in the legislature and

Coughlinites in Mass. Back 'Stop FDR' Plot

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BOSTON, Feb. 27.—The anti-Roosevelt forces in the Democratic Party of Massachusetts are leaving no stone unturned in their attempt to send a defeatist, Christian-Front delegation to the National Convention. In Congressional Districts 11 and 12, represented by Congressman James M. Curley and John W. McCormack, states of candidates have been picked, pledged to ex-Gov. Joseph B. Ely for President and in opposition to those put forward by William H. Burke, Chairman of the Democratic State Committee.

Typical of the candidates on the Ely slate are such men as William B. Gallagher of South Boston and Nicholas Scaramella of the North End. Gallagher is an outspoken Christian Front. Scaramella was leader of the fascist groupings in the Italian community of the North End, and led the violent gangster attack on May Day marchers in 1935 in that area.

In the Sixth Congressional District, represented by Rep. Bates (R), Joseph B. Harrington is forming a slate of Ely-pledged delegates for the Democratic presidential primaries.

Harrington acquired notoriety for his open fascist program during his campaign for Congress in a special

election in 1942, associating himself with Linderberg, Nye and Coughlin. Recently he was responsible for instigating Coughlinite elements in the Fur and Leather Workers Union, CIO, to split from the union in Peabody, Mass., and start a prolonged strike which caused nationwide concern.

Such are a few samples culled from the collection being advanced by the Ely forces. These forces are utilizing as a leading spokesman former School Committee member Joseph Lee. The latter's reputation is built upon his work in developing playgrounds in Boston and his good stand during the days of the war against fascism in Spain. His confused and outright idiotic economic "theories" have led him to increasingly bitter opposition to President Roosevelt, so that he has today become the striking-horse for the most vicious, fascist-minded elements in the state.

Polish Scientist Hails Soviets at Rally Here

The Red Army and its Polish divisions, promise a swift end to Nazi domination in Poland and the basis for building a "free independent and sincerely democratic state," Ignace Zlotowski, noted Polish scientist, now a professor at Vassar College, said here yesterday.

Professor Zlotowski, one of several prominent speakers at ceremonies at Majestic Theater marking the Red Army's 26th anniversary, hailed Polish soldiers fighting alongside the Russian columns, as the "worthy descendants of the best sons of Poland."

The same observance heard Sen. James E. Murray of Montana describe American-Soviet friendship as a cornerstone for victory and a post-war peaceful world. The Senator blasted those who "render aid and comfort to our enemies" by misrepresenting the Russian government and said such propaganda originates in Berlin.

Edwin S. Smith of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, chairman at the observance, put a similar warning in other words. Friendship is the absolute goal of Soviet foreign policy, he said, adding:

"It is for this reason that the woes of the Polish government-in-exile, or the adherents of Mannerheim in Finland—woes which are echoed by such an incongruous duet as that of the degraded Hearst press and the respectable New York Times—should be utterly rejected by all democratically-minded Americans."

HAILS SOVIET DRIVE
"With the Red Army columns approaching the Polish borders, the people of Poland know that Nazi domination will soon be brought to an end," Professor Zlotowski said.

"After five years of enslavement, are now hopefully looking to the long awaited day when the Polish flag will float again over Warsaw."
"And when the victory is won, the Polish people will build a free, independent and sincerely democratic Polish state, confident that the bonds of friendship between the people of Poland and the peoples of the Soviet Union, sealed in blood on the battlefields, will be the most important factor in the future of their country and the only protection against a new German onslaught."
"The only danger to victory today lies in division of the Allies, Senator Murray declared.

Dewey and 21st St. Election Tuesday

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are urging that Torrens be supported on the ALP line.

Yesterday the CIO Council announced that it has sent special letters to more than 15,000 members of the CIO living in the district. The letters are signed jointly by Joseph Curran, president of the Council, and Morton Davis, head of the Upper Manhattan CIO Community Council. The 8,000 enrolled ALP voters in the area have received letters from the New York County Committee of the American Labor Party.

Negro leaders who support the President are angered by the GOP attempt to blame the President for the reactionary activities of the poll tax bloc in Congress. They point out that this bloc is able to exercise a powerful influence on the affairs of the nation only by virtue of its alliance with the Republicans, and this alliance is directed against the President. The election of Bennett, they say, means that one more Congressman will be added to that alliance. About 35 per cent of the voters of the district are Negro.

Polls will be open tomorrow from 6 A. M. to 6 P. M. ALP district leaders are urging voters to go to the polls before they go to work. All those in the district who registered to vote in the November, 1943, elections are eligible to vote in the special election.

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Quill Spurs Police Wages in Council

Councilman Michael J. Quill, Bronx Laborite, said yesterday he will ask the City Council to back the fight of members of the police and fire departments for adequate cost-of-living wage increases.

He will introduce a resolution during tomorrow's Council session urging the State Legislature to adopt a bill by Assemblyman Robert Crews placing the question of a \$450 salary increase for department members before the voters in a referendum next November.

Quill sent letters to Vincent Kane, president of the Uniformed Firemen's Association, and Patrick Harlady, president of the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association, informing them he would launch a fight in the Council in their behalf.

"Like yourselves," he wrote, "I too believe that the members of two of the most important departments of our city should not be victims of charity gifts and treated as second class citizens."

"They are entitled to a living wage and sound working conditions. It is my belief that enactment of this piece of legislation is one of the means by which the members of the Fire and Police Departments can get the necessary security as far as their annual salaries are concerned."

Last December Mayor LaGuardia granted both fire fighters and cops a \$450 temporary cost-of-living bonus on condition the men would accept extra tours of duty without overtime compensation.

Shortly thereafter he rescinded the firemen's bonus because they insisted on being paid the usual overtime pay. The policemen's bonus was put into effect, however, after the cops accepted, with considerable reluctance, the Mayor's payless overtime plan.

Boro Park Price Control League Meet Tonight
The Price Control League of Boro Park will meet tonight (Mon.) at the YMCA, 14th Ave. at 50th St., Brooklyn, at 8:30 P. M., to hear Jack Kranis, of the Federation of Meat Retailers of New York.



MICHAEL QUILL

Barber Union in Organizing Drive

An organizing drive will be launched this week by the Barber and Beauty Culturists Union of America, with support from the New York CIO.

The campaign's goal is the unionization of every barber and beauty shop in the city.

More than 15,000 posters carrying the slogan, "Look Your Best the Union Way," have been distributed to all union offices, shops and halls. The campaign will be taken into communities throughout the five boroughs by members of 25 CIO Community Councils who will canvass every neighborhood barber and beauty shop in the drive to place a union poster in every window.

Union Bulletin to Become Community Paper

EAST CHICAGO, Ind., Feb. 27. (FP).—To bring labor's political action drive into the industrial East Chicago-Hammond, Ind. area, Local 1010, United Steelworkers (CIO), is expanding its monthly bulletin into a 16-page community newspaper, the Harbor Labor Sentinel. Other unions are joining the steelworkers in sponsoring the Sentinel.

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UE Charges Army Violates Baruch Data

By Adam Lapin
(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—A charge that the War Department is violating the proposals of the Baruch report for planned and orderly termination of war contracts was placed before the Truman Committee by the United Electrical and Radio Workers today.

This charge was made in a letter to Senator Harry Truman of Missouri by Russ Nixon, legislative representative of the UE. Nixon also sent his union's criticism of War Department procedure in carrying out cut-backs affecting 50,000 small arms workers in the Midwest to high officials including Undersecretary of War Robert Patterson, Donald Nelson and Charles Wilson of the War Production Board and War Manpower Commission Chairman Paul McNutt.

"The War Department and the War Production Board, in selecting the plants to be cut back, are violating all considerations of national manpower allocation, are closing down the most efficient and maintaining in operation the least efficient small arms munitions plants, and are closing the plants most favorably located from the standpoint of military security," Nixon said.

NO ADVANCE NOTICE

He declared that both labor and management have received "virtually no advance notice" of the cutbacks which took place at U. S. Cartridge in St. Louis, Western Cartridge Company in Illinois, Twin City Ordnance in Minneapolis, Evansville Ordnance in Indiana, Lake City Ordnance in Missouri and Des Moines Ordnance in Iowa.

Nixon said that the War Department is "retaining thousands of workers in the production of small arms ammunition in the tightest labor markets in the country, while throwing thousands of similar workers on the streets in the loosest labor supply areas."

"In so doing, the government is flagrantly violating its publicly announced policy of adjusting contract cancellations in accordance with national manpower requirements."

The UE representative said that the St. Louis-Alton, Illinois area where the cut-backs are being made already has an excess supply of labor—while only small cut-backs are being made in the Connecticut area.

which is a particular tight labor area.

He said plants being curtailed, are the newest and most efficient and that older, less efficient munitions plants are being kept in operation.

Nixon refuted War Department explanations that government-owned plants can be shut easier than privately owned plants as a "startlingly inadequate basis for ignoring all the publicly announced and generally accepted norms for allocation of war work and contract cancellations."

"Inevitable questions arise concerning the degree to which certain evidently dominant sections in the Department give consideration in practice to the selfish business-interests of some private groups in industry, rather than to the vital needs of total war mobilization," Nixon said.

He pointed out that the UE has played a leading role in combating the idea of a "luxury-soft-war" which is prevalent in some WPB and industry circles.

Nixon said that the War Department "is letting us down, letting the war effort down and letting the nation down."

The UE spokesman said that "there has been no planning whatsoever by the War Department, the War Production Board or the War Manpower Commission to bring about an orderly transfer of the released facilities, manpower and management ability to other useful work on our wartime economy."

"The utter lack of planning here revealed demonstrates the fundamental correctness of labor's opposition to National Service-Labor Draft legislation," Nixon said. "The government in these layoffs is tragically failing to use the means of manpower planning and mobilization that are already available without additional legislation. Under such circumstances labor's presumption of the probable misuse of National Service legislation is proven to be wise."

Murray Blasts 'Equal Rights'

The proposed "equal rights" amendment now before the House of Representatives, "actually conceals the means of robbing women of many of the rights and protections that have been won for them," President Philip Murray of the Congress of Industrial Organizations said today in a letter to all Congressmen urging them not to support the proposal.

Passage of this measure, which is proposed as a constitutional amendment, "would not secure equality of treatment for women, except at the heavy cost of abandoning the great body of laws that protect women workers from exploitation," Murray wrote.

"Such a measure would be particularly unwise in wartime, when we need to ensure the services and welfare of women workers more than at any previous time," he added.

The proposed amendment is now before the House in the form of a discharge petition to bring it to the floor. It was reported favorably by the Senate Judiciary Committee last year.

Christian and Catholic, Senator Murray declared that the Christian world cannot afford to permit the barbarous persecution of the Jews to continue. He recalled the pogroms against the Jews under Tsardom and told how, nine days after the Soviet Revolution, the new government wiped out centuries of injustices and restored full freedom to sixty nationalities.

"That should be both a lesson and a warning to the world," he said. "Russia is still leading the world in this spirit."

Newbold Morris, who was introduced by Judge Anna M. Cross, chairman of the afternoon session, as a "pinch hitter" for Mayor LaGuardia who was ill, told the delegates that the Soviet people know what it is to be engaged in a total war and that they are united under a great leader, Stalin.

"Just as the Russian people back up their leadership," he said, "so must the American people back up the leadership of President Roosevelt."

Hon. Kisseloff revealed that Soviet authorities have approved a plan permitting the Council to send relief supplies to specially designated regions within the liberated areas which have traditionally been the centers of large Jewish populations and from which hundreds of thousands of American Jews have come.

Speaking in Yiddish, Dr. A. E. Chensyavsky gave an account of the heroic role of Soviet women in the war for their homes and freedom.

Greetings were sent to the conference by Herbert H. Lehman, Albert Einstein, David Raman, chairman of the V League of Palestine, Chaim Weizmann, Rabbi Joseph Hertz of England, the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee in Moscow, and the Jewish Anti-Nazi Committee of Cuba, the Jewish Committee for Aid to the Allies in Peru.

Major American Jewish organizations represented by speakers were American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Jewish-American Section, International Workers Order; Hadassah, American Jewish Congress, National Women's League of the United Synagogue of America, New York Board of Jewish Ministers, Order Sons of Zion.

City Councilman Benjamin J. Davis, Jr., said Rep. John Rankin's repeated insults against the Jewish people threaten Negroes as well. Mr. Davis promised to report regularly to the people on his City Council activities.

Other speakers included Samuel Patterson, organizer of the International Workers Order; Rabbi Nat Rosen, head of Macabean Center; Herbert Miller, executive secretary of the Carlton Ave. YMCA and first Negro foreman of a Kings County grand jury, and Adam Clayton Powell, former City Councilman.

Dr. Thomas S. Harten, pastor of the Holy Trinity Baptist Church, Brooklyn, and general chairman of the committee sponsoring the series of goodwill rallies, presided.

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AFL Painters Head Asks Int'l Unity at Weinstock Tribute

By George Morris

Lawrence P. Lindelf, international president of the AFL Brotherhood of Painters and Decorators, backs unity of American labor with workers of Britain and the Soviet Union and favors also unity with the CIO.

Mr. Lindelf, who thus added his name to a growing list of AFL officials who take issue with the American Federation of Labor Executive Council on allied labor collaboration, made his stand known Saturday night at a testimonial banquet honoring Louis Weinstock, secretary-treasurer of Painters District Council 9. The Executive Council has thus far rejected cooperation with Soviet labor.

Addressing 1,000 guests, many of them AFL and CIO leaders, at Riverside Plaza Hotel, Lindelf called for "an alliance of all the workers of the world" to further a future banishing fascism and wars.

"This alliance," he said, "must include not only the organized workers of the United States and Britain but also those of Russia."

The president of a union of 172,000 AFL members added that he looked forward to the time when workers of Axis countries, freed from Nazi domination, will be included in the alliance.

Mr. Lindelf was equally strong in his call for CIO-AFL unity here at home.

He lavished praise on Mr. Weinstock, feted by his own union, Local 948, at a function marking 30 years of activity in the labor movement. Lindelf recalled that he first met Weinstock 10 years ago when the latter headed a rank and file delegation to an AFL Cincinnati conference.

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Even management provocations, described as widespread, will not be accepted as an excuse for stoppages, a board declaration of policy Thomas made public, warned. Under the union constitution, stoppages are banned, except with board approval.

Strikes not only harm the war effort, but play into the hands of anti-labor corporations giving them the very ammunition they seek, the declaration says.

Motives which prompted the union convention last October to reaffirm labor's no-strike pledge are even more compelling today as the world awaits an Allied invasion of Europe, the statement adds.

Affirming determination to meet war responsibilities fully, the statement of policy announces these international executive board decisions:

1—All locals must notify the international of management acts to provoke stoppages.

2—Where stoppages take place, the international will investigate causes, provocation by management and identify those responsible.

3—Members found guilty of agitating or causing a stoppage will be denied service by international officers, board members and international representatives and there will be no intervention to prevent management disciplinary action against them.

4—Union officers, stewards, committeemen and members, are instructed to withhold union service from such persons and not to intervene to stop management discipline.

5—Locals are instructed to prosecute persons found responsible for stoppages by the international.

6—Where locals fail to make charges the international president is authorized to take action looking toward lifting the charter, if necessary, or reorganizing the leadership.



LOUIS WEINSTOCK

Joseph Cohen, international representative, and many other officials of the Painters Brotherhood and neighboring district councils.

Attorney Harry Sacher, Dr. Max Yergan, president, National Negro Congress, and a group of officers of the Painters Contractors Association, employers group, also attended. The function indicated that old group lines in District Council 9 are fading. Past opponents of Weinstock including Philip Zausner, whom he often opposed in elections, attended.

Speakers, in addition to Lindelf, included Sacher, Cohen, Mills, Councilmen Quill, Davis and Weinstock.

The Detroit Council leader assured Lindelf that collaboration with national officers in every constructive effort will continue his policy.

Proceeds from the dinner went to the Red Cross and Russian War Relief.

ILG Local 9 Rank and File Rallies Tonight

The Rank and File of Finlbers Local 9, International Ladies Garment Workers Union, will hold its wind-up campaign rally today (Monday) at 8 P.M. at 135 W. 44th St.

The local's election will be held tomorrow (Tuesday). Heading the Rank and File list is Sam Brightman, candidate for chairman. Candidates for business agent are Barnett, Cooper, Morris Gartin, Nathan Kaplan, Gabriel Rabinbrach, and Sidney Spanier.

For executive board: Charles Berenstein, Morris Brandinger, Hyman Dobrin, Frank Blauenkrantz, Sam Freedman, Abe Glassman, Barney Gordon, William Greenberg, Mania Perlman, Alfred Poniak, Alex Strassman, and Charles Sussman.

Convention candidates are: Berenstein, Brightman, Cooper, Gartin, Greenberg, Kaplan, Perlman and Rabinbrach.

Cloak Operators Local 117 Rank and File will hold its final campaign rally at Hotel Diplomat at 8 P.M. this Wednesday. The 117 election is on the following day.

A membership meeting of Outters Local 10, ILGWU, will be held tonight (Monday) at 8 P.M. at Manhattan Center to nominate candidates and elect an elections-objections committee.

Escaped Convicts Kidnap Girl, Wound Her Father

JACKSON, Miss., Feb. 27 (UP)—Three desperadoes who escaped from San Quentin prison in California on Dec. 26 and started a transcontinental crime tour today kidnapped 16-year Arlene McKnight, wounding her father and fleeing in the McKnight car.

As a tribute to the Red Army's role in the Allied fight against fascism, Mr. Smith presented an antique engraving of Gilbert Stuart's Lansdowne portrait of George Washington to a Soviet representative.

The Rev. Louis W. Pitt, Church rector, officiated for ceremonies which were broadcast over Station WNEW.

The German Eastern Front, after 32 months of war, is cracking all along the line, Capt. Kormakoff said, because the 240 armored and air-covered Nazi divisions faced a Red

struggle for a federal soldier vote bill and exposes the poll-tax-GOP coalition. World labor unity is emphasized as the base for war unity and post-war stability.

An editorial by Len De Caux promises that the paper will expose "those who take advantage of the servicemen's long absence from home, to circulate misinformation or wild and lying rumors to poison their minds against American labor—and against their own interests."

High prices, layoffs and other home front issues are dealt with. The tabloid is brimming with interesting facts and items trade unionists yearn to read.

CIO members and locals are urged to buy the edition in quantity. One hundred copies cost \$1.25; 500 \$5; 1,000, \$7.50. Orders may be obtained from CIO News, 718 Jackson Pl., N. W. Washington 6, D. C.

Servicemen's Aid

Beginning today, the Daily Worker starts a weekly column on veterans' problems. Servicemen's Aid will appear each Monday. Readers' contributions and questions are invited.

By a World War II Vet

The problems of veterans are already with us. And the task of aiding servicemen to return to civil life cannot wait. New over-all figure of the number of Johnnies who have come marching home since Pearl Harbor is 1,220,036. By Feb. 15, a total of 1,036,000 had been discharged from the Army, 364,000 for reasons of disability. The Navy's total was 184,036, of whom 52,504 were discharged for reasons of physical disability.

The term "physical disability" covers everything from men discharged for battle wounds to those unable to meet the services' physical standards during training.

American ships are now doing double duty—bringing home some of the soldiers who have earned a battle respite. The two-way traffic which has carried millions of soldiers abroad has also returned 300,000 to America, not counting sick and wounded. In the European, Caribbean and Alaskan theatres a rotation system of furloughs has been in full swing. The program is only beginning in the South Pacific.

Do you know the origin of the Order of the Purple Heart? Well, it was created by George Washington on Aug. 7, 1782. At that time he wrote: "The General, desirous to cherish virtuous ambition in his soldiers, as well as to encourage every species of military merit, directs that whenever any singularly meritorious action is performed, the author of it shall be permitted to wear over his breast the figure of a heart, in purple, on silk edged with narrow lace or bindings. . . . The road to glory in a patriotic army and a free country is thus opened to all."

The Washington coat of arms is incorporated in the base of the swivel-chair which attaches the medal to the white-bordered purple ribbon.

Eligible servicemen's wives may apply for assistance to the Welfare Council of the New York City if they think they are pregnant. Under the Emergency Maternity and Infant Care (EMIC) program, medical, nursing and hospital benefits are paid to wives of servicemen of the four lowest ranks, regardless of legal residence or financial status, but only if the patient has made application before receiving care.

If servicemen's wives are ineligible under the EMIC program, they may get assistance from Army Emergency Relief. This service is available to all regardless of husband's rank. A soldier's common-law wife is also eligible to maternity assistance from Army Emergency Relief.

The American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Jewish War Veterans took the home-front spotlight in St. Louis last week when they protested the rental of the city auditorium to a G. I. H. Smith meeting. Fests of the same organization in Queens protested rising anti-Semitism. . . . The CIO News is putting out a dandy servicemen's edition.

Question: Do soldiers get their mustering-out pay as soon as they are discharged or when the war is over?—T. D.

Answer: The aim of mustering-out pay is to provide an income for discharged men during the period of readjustment from military to civilian life. Payment starts at the time of discharge. Those persons discharged from the Army before the law went into effect have up to two years in which to apply. Payment will start within one month of the date on which their applications are okayed by War or Navy Departments.

Question: What are the regulations concerning the wearing of civilian clothes by WACs? What is the rule about enlisted WACs going out with officers?—B. T.

Answer: WACs may wear civilian clothes when on furlough and off duty, provided they have permission of their commanding officer. When such permission is granted, it usually means a change to civvies must be made off the post. May we ask a question of B. T.? Why do you want to take that swell-looking uniform off for?

As for WACs and officers, enlisted WACs are not encouraged to go out with officers in any branch of the armed forces. But in the case of a husband, relative or old friend, permission may be obtained from your C.O.

Question: What should I do? I lost my discharge papers from the Army. How can I get a duplicate?—L. B. M.

Answer: Although War Department does not issue duplicate discharge papers, you may obtain a Certificate of Service, which for most purposes will serve in place of discharge by writing to the Adjutant General's office, War Department, Washington, D. C. Be sure to give your name, serial number, dates of service and the station from which you were discharged.

ILG Divide and Rule Policy a la Local 32

Divide and rule—through application of Hitler's red-baiting technique—is administration policy in Local 32, International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

That was demonstrated last Thursday at Manhattan Center when nearly 3,000 heard Alfred Breslau, official, unleashing a vicious anti-Communist tirade as preparations went forward for the local's March 10 election of officers.

Breslau seized on a rank and file group leaflet, urging more war activity and democracy in the union, to deliver his attack to a membership which in the main has not been touched by the internal factionalism in the ILGWU and knows little and cares less about it.

Fear to let members make election choices on merit alone obviously led President David Dubinsky's machine men to engineer the red-baiting demonstration.

Breslau singled out Rose Schwartz and Ann Bornstein, active rank and file progressives, for special abuse.

RED-BAITING SMEAR

Replying to the leaflet charges that local officials removed active members elected as shop chairmen, Breslau admitted that policy. He tried to justify it with the claim that those removed are "Communists," who, he said, "can not have loyalty to the union."

To the charge that the large number of Negro members are deprived representation in the union's board and leadership, Breslau said that only merit should be the basis for choice of officials, implying that Negroes in the local have no ability.

Ann Bornstein, one of those attacked, vigorously denounced Breslau for applying the Nazi technique of division in the union.

One effect of the war activity demand in the much-discussed leaflet was the opening of the meeting with a report on a blood donor campaign, something that's rare in Local 32 meetings.

The anti-administration group was denied representation on the union election-objection committee.

GOP Seeks to Pick Defeatist In McNary Post

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Discussion among GOP Senators concerning a successor to the late Minority Leader Charles McNary reveals the extent to which the Republican congressional bloc has gone in its indifference to the war effort. McNary died Friday.

The sole consideration in determining the new minority leader seems to be hostility to the President. From that point of view Senators Robert A. Taft and Arthur Vandenberg have the inside track, with Taft out in the lead.

Taft and Vandenberg are the two chief Senate Republican defeatists. Both fought President Roosevelt's foreign policy before the war and both have been leading the opposition to the war program after Pearl Harbor. As late as last summer, Taft was making speeches blaming the President for America's participation in the war. Taft's wife has addressed meetings calling for a negotiated peace.

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Churchill on Italy

WINSTON CHURCHILL'S remarks on Italy in last week's report on the war have provoked a bitter exchange between Marshal Badoglio and Count Carlo Sforza, which brings to the fore the problems of Italian politics. Churchill had defended Allied policy and insisted that only "if and when" Rome is captured will that policy be open to review. Badoglio immediately drew the conclusion that the monarchy and its henchmen now have a perspective of remaining in power indefinitely. But in so doing Marshal Badoglio gave the game away. For he revealed how absolutely dependent is his government on Allied, and particularly British, support, and therefore how far from expressing the real will and interests of the Italian people. For if Churchill had not spoken as he did, Badoglio would never have had the nerve to suggest that even after Rome is liberated does the miserable king intend to hang on to his tawdry crown.

The fact is that Churchill's passage on Italy was absolutely indefensible both from the viewpoint of mobilizing Italians to help the Allies reach Rome quickly and from the equally decisive viewpoint of carrying out the Moscow conference decisions. And we say this without in any way belittling Churchill's war leadership as a whole. If his arrogant attitude toward the Italians were merely the expression of his well-known personal convictions, that would not be surprising or material. But as a statement of policy, in which he spoke for our own government as well, the speech was unacceptable.

Churchill dismisses the 20-year struggle of Italy's best sons in a most contemptuous fashion; he insults the Committee of National Liberation (representing the six democratic parties) in the metaphor of a "dish-rag"; he rhapsodizes Marshal Badoglio's contributions to the war effort and speaks of the king's government as the only "legitimate authority" with whom the Allies can deal. On all counts, Churchill has no case and only harms the process of helping Italy to throw off the vestiges of fascism and takes its place in the ranks of the democratic world.

The fact is, if we may say so without rattling the bones in the closets of history, that the people of Italy and its leaders were valiantly battling to undermine Mussolini when that gangster was considered a somewhat messianic gentleman in the drawing-rooms of London. It was the upheaval of the masses in the north of Italy which contributed to Mussolini's eclipse at least as much as the Allied armies in the Mediterranean, not to mention the role of the Red Army's victories.

Marshal Badoglio's contribution cannot be measured by the hundred Italian ships in the Mediterranean. A democratic government would have commanded that many ships or more. What Badoglio cannot do is to inspire a mobilization of Italians for their own liberation, such as Churchill praises when he is compelled to acknowledge it in Yugoslavia; only the Committee of Liberation can do that. In fact, whereas Naples was liberated five days before our armies arrived by the action of the heroic Neapolitans themselves, the Italian army under Badoglio has disintegrated. So Gen. Eisenhower admitted late in December.

Last July, the British Prime Minister declared that Badoglio's future would be judged by whether he delivered Italy "whole-sale" to the Allies. That is precisely what the king's marshal did not do, and it is precisely what the popular forces alone could have done. Have we lost all sense of proportion to thank Badoglio for his failures? Have we lost all sense of humor to accept thanks

from Badoglio for praise which he does not deserve?

As for the "legitimacy" of the royal government, it is outrageous to consider a king who legalized Mussolini's seizure of power, who ratified war against Ethiopia, Greece, Spain, France, Great Britain, the U.S.S.R. and the United States the only legitimate authority in Italy. The fact is that the only function of this wretched remnant of royal furniture was to effect Italy's surrender. Having done that, his existence has become completely illegitimate from the viewpoint of helping Italians to liberate themselves, to crush fascism and regain democracy.

Such was the decision of the Moscow conference: to speed war against Germany, to crush and eradicate fascism in Italy, to restore democratic government. On all scores, the king and his marshal are cluttering up the road, if they have not actually become obstacles to the clearing of the road.

The road leads to Rome. The Prime Minister would help American and British soldiers get there faster if he applied in Italy the maxim he was compelled to recognize for Yugoslavia, namely, to work with those who kept their faith with us, and who are ready and able to help us fight.

Discomfort in AFL

EVERY day brings more evidence that there is a feeling of discomfort in American Federation of Labor circles because the AFL's executive council decided not to send delegates to the London World Congress of Labor June 5.

We have already noted President Daniel Tobin's appeal in the last issue of the Teamster for a reconsideration of AFL attitude toward Soviet trade unions. It was objection to Soviet labor's participation in the congress that decided the AFL's position.

Now comes expression from another of the AFL's great international unions, the Hotel and Restaurant Employees. An editorial in this union's journal expresses regret that delegates will not represent the AFL and notes that the CIO will be represented at London. A few days later, Hugo Ernst, international secretary-treasurer of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees, at a New York meeting, was even more clear-cut in voicing this regret. Mr. Ernst saw no reason why the AFL should fear to risk contact with labor representatives of 37 countries in an exchange of views regarding steps for victory and post-war order.

From still a third international, the Brotherhood of Painters, comes most dramatic evidence in response to a resolution in favor of participation that was sent to every local from New York's District Council 9. The result amazed even the optimists. Hundreds of locals from hundreds of towns voted, all in favor. The replies received by the District Council cover well above 60 per cent of the Brotherhood's membership in the United States and Canada. Anyone familiar with the technique of sampling sentiment will agree that the painters indicate what may be expected in any AFL union, if given a fair test.

Nor is the issue confined to labor unions. A number of newspapers, the latest the Capital Times, of Madison, Wisconsin which is neither anti-AFL nor particularly partisan to the Soviet Union, have editorially expressed indignation at the AFL council's brazen challenge to the spirit of the Tehran conference. These papers recognize the real meaning of a refusal to sit in a conference with the men and women who make the Soviet Union what it is.

There is still one more meeting of AFL executive council on May 1 at Philadelphia, before the London parley. There is still an opportunity to prevail upon its members to see the light.

Zaslavsky, Soviet Editor, Details Hearst Aid to Hitler

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

MOSCOW, Feb. 27.—William Randolph Hearst, the American newspaper magnate, gets a blistering going-over here by the well-known Soviet journalist, David Zaslavsky.

Writing in Pravda, Zaslavsky calls Hearst "Adolf Hitler's American Friend," and takes issue with several recent articles in the New York Journal-American, and the New York Daily Mirror as representing Hearst's effort to answer the SOS from Adolf Hitler.

Criticizing also articles by the notorious pro-Nazi Hearst correspondent, Karl von Wiegand, the Soviet writer declares that "while the finest sons of Britain, the United States and the USSR are shedding their blood" to defeat Hitler, Hearst's henchmen are "spilling their poisoned ink to undermine the anti-fascist cause and preserve Hitler's gangster den in Europe."

VOICE OF BERLIN

"In a certain newspaper this February, we found an article by a certain Karl von Wiegand warning that the Soviet Union intends to swallow up the Balkan countries, Poland, France, Spain, Germany and northern Italy," Zaslavsky begins.

"Another sheet in January calls Russia the 'inciter of the present world war' and appeals to the United States and Britain to break off relations with the Soviet Union and prepare a new world war against the Soviet people.

"There would be nothing astonishing about this if the first paper were published in Berlin and were called the 'Völkischer Beobachter' and the second were called 'Das Schwarze Korps'."

"But, the former is called the Journal-American and the second the Daily Mirror, both published in New York, while Karl von Wiegand is one of the prostitute journalists in the service of William Randolph Hearst."

"Hearst has long become not merely the name but the synonym for disgrace. Time and again, United States Senate commissions investigated the activities of Hearst which have bordered on crime and treason."

"During the first World War there was a charge against Hearst of receiving huge sums from Germany for enemy, anti-American propaganda."

"In 1918, the Hearst newspaper correspondents in Berlin and France were deprived of the use of the telegraph because they were suspected of contact with the Germans."

"It stands to reason that Hearst is the bulwark of the blackest reaction in the United States, and when the fascist gangsters came to power in Germany, Hearst was irresistibly drawn to Germany."

HITLER'S HONOR GUEST

He was Hitler's guest of honor at the Nuremberg Congress in 1934. There, he made personal and very close acquaintance with all the ring leaders of the Hitlerite gang.

"He was readily taken into their confidence as regards their bandit plans and preparations for a world war. In his writings, he was full of admiration for Hitler's Alfred Rosenberg."

"Returning from Germany, Hearst came out as an open friend of Hitler and a preacher of the Hitlerite policy and fascist methods. He started a violent campaign against American democracy and culture, against the American working class and intelligentsia. This was the unadulterated fascist campaign."

"The open demonstration of the connection of American fascism with the Germans evoked an outburst of public indignation against Hearst in 1935-36."

"In a joint statement, the representatives of 15 American universities wrote that the Hearst campaign represents a deliberate and shameless attempt to introduce into



WILLIAM RANDOLPH HEARST

the educational system methods of terror, characteristic of fascist Germany."

"Time and again, Hearst was exposed and pilloried."

ON HITLER'S SIDE

"But he was saved as the war was started in Europe. Apparently, some people found him and his press useful. When Hitler Germany embarked upon its predatory imperialist war against the democratic states of Europe, Hearst immediately took Hitler's side."

"The day of Hitler Germany's predatory attack on the Soviet Union was a day of joy for all of Hearst's pack. The New York Journal-American and American wrote that 'the war between the Soviet Union and Germany is merely a natural conflict in the whole of the European situation'... Let us hope, the paper wrote, 'that peace in the West will be established and Europe will unite against the expansion of Asiatic Communism.'"

"Worshipping Hitler and carrying out his orders, Hearst screamed that the Red Army would be destroyed in the very near future. He viciously opposed American aid to the Soviet Union and every manifestation of solidarity in the struggle against Hitlerism."

"The Germans advertised their connections with Hearst. On August 18, 1941, the German Information Bureau widely circulated an Hearst article which concluded: 'Americans know that the Soviet Union will cease to exist possibly even before the end of this year. Consequently, what idiot, will lean on a branch that is liable to break down at any moment and fall to the ground.'"

"That branch, however, did not break down nor fall. On the contrary, it was the predatory Hitler horde that broke against the Soviet 'branch' and all who planned their hopes and plans on the invincibility of the Hitlerite army fell with it."

"To his merited name of a press gangster, Hearst added the equally

merited nickname of idiot, to use his own words."

"The United States entry into the war obliged Hearst to slightly repaint his fascist facade. In a chase after profits and circulation, he began to utter false, patriotic screams. But this did not prevent him, contrary to the policy of the United States government and the sentiments of the overwhelming majority of the American people, from conducting propaganda to undermine the anti-Hitlerite coalition."

"In the autumn of 1941, the Hearst press conducted a violent campaign against the agreement with the Soviet Union, against any support to the Red Army and against decisive action by Britain and the United States."

"Hearst called upon Britain to conclude peace with the fascist brigands. Lately, there has been a marked intensification of Hearst's anti-Soviet pro-Hitlerite campaign. 'From Berlin, Adolf sends SOS messages to his trans-Atlantic friend. And Randolph opens up all the flood gates of his corrupt outfit.'"

"In November, 1943, the Hearst press was circulating the wildest, indecent fables about the Moscow Conference, which were exact replicas of Berlin inventions."

"In December, the Hearst press burst forth in a frenzy of barking and screaming against the Soviet-Czechoslovak agreement. In January, 1944, the Hearst press, on orders from Berlin to smear the Soviet Union, ascribed to the Soviet Union the intention of swallowing up Poland."

HITLERITE GANGSTER

"In February, the Hearst press, in a thoroughly hoodlum manner and in full accord with the tune of the Hitlerite press commented on the changes in the Soviet Constitution. He demanded the cancellation of the second front."

"That is how the Hearst press is fulfilling its friendly obligations to Hitler Germany. At a time when all the freedom-loving peoples are straining their strength to strike a decisive blow at Hitlerism, a section of the American press, directed by Hitler's old boom-friend and accomplice is trying to save the doomed gangster regime of terror and oppression of peoples."

"The finest sons of Britain, the United States and the USSR are shedding their blood on the fields of battle for the freedom and the independence of their peoples, for the salvation of mankind, democracy and justice."

"At the same time, Hearst's henchmen are spilling their poisoned ink with the object of undermining the great cause of the anti-Hitlerite coalition and of preserving the Hitlerite gangster den in Europe."

Letters From Our Readers

Ohio Bureau

Sends Correction

Editor, Daily Worker:

In your daily issue of Friday, Feb. 18, you printed a story from Cleveland stating that Courtney D. Ward, secretary of the Painters District Council 6, AFL, and candidate for Congressman-at-Large in Ohio, has the support of Labor's Joint Committee for Political Action and the Ohio Federation of Labor in his race for the Congressional post.

We do not know who sent in the story, or the source of the above information; but we have been asked by several trade union leaders, AFL and CIO, to inform you that Ward has not yet been endorsed by either Labor's Joint Committee or the Ohio Federation of Labor.

Fraternally yours,
Ohio Bureau,
Daily Worker and The Worker
SIG WENGER.

In Indiana

Editor, Daily Worker:

Out here in southern Indiana the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of the CIO have a lively and busy local. Its number is 813 and it gets out a snappy paper known as the Evansville UE News.

In its latest issue—that of Feb. 11—it has a good right-to-the-point editorial display on the soldiers vote. Its title is "Who Has a Better Right to Vote?"

Then it also reports—and this is important—that "again the UE has taken the lead in Evansville in protecting the interests of its membership." It tells of a new contract under which full job and wage security are guaranteed. The union stands for company-wide seniority in its new proposal to the Sunbeam Corp. management. That may interest many of your readers.

HOOSIER.

Change the World

By MIKE GOLD

SHE is a typical girl of the New Russia, with her country beauty and shining golden hair.

Her face is serious. She is a worker and citizen. Light shines from that beautiful face. She is a lover, too, who loves all life, her fellow-man, all books, art, science, the adventures of the mind. She loves her Soviet fatherland. Her heart beats also for the world's oppressed.

Most of all, this strong, beautiful woman loves her collective farm, her little son and the good husband who is her life-partner.

Here is no Hollywood puppet, but a real woman. This heroine of a new Soviet film, "No Greater Love," is typical of millions who built the Soviet Union. She is deeply happy, fulfilled of all the deepest human wants.

But Hitler invades the Soviet Union. Everything ends for her suddenly. Her husband is killed. Her collective farm is wiped out by the Huns. And then, with sober and strategic intent to be "frightful," a young Nazi tank officer runs his steel house across the body of her baby-son, and crushes it to pulp. The light leaves her face. All purpose and spirit seem to depart. Never has the devastation of sorrow been portrayed so terribly as by this woman.

She cannot smile. She has lost all feeling and desire. Only one obsession is left to her—the need for revenge. How this Soviet woman's suicidal grief changes her finally into the capable leader of a guerrilla band is a great psychological story.

When this woman soldier finds the Nazi who killed her baby she pursues him in a captured tank and crushes him under its wheels. You can feel expressed in her the grief and hatred of millions of Russians.

She does not sentimentalize over the murderer. She destroys him. The people have suffered great and terrible wrongs in the Soviet lands. Fascism has made millions of young Russian widows and homeless babies. The Russians can no longer understand anyone in a democracy who tolerates fascists or fascism.

Only one American play that I have seen recently, "Decision" by Edward Chodorov, contains this same burning spirit, this hatred and full understanding of fascist horror. Too many of our films and plays about the war have become mere adventure stories. They could have equally happened in the Trojan War or the Wars for the Spanish Succession. The mindless fury and military detail of Hemingway predominate. It is all technique and surface detail instead of something that has a deeper meaning.

We are not being made aware that we are fighting a survival war. We are defending ourselves and America against one who is out to murder all of us and our books, our schools, churches, homes and dreams.

"Decision" makes one feel the menace. Perhaps it avoids the unfeeling new clichés of the war by focusing on a fascist who walks and talks in our midst. A plain, honest American, principal of a small town high school dares to expose the powerful Senator of his state as the fascist who was behind the anti-Negro riot at the local war plant. This teacher is framed up in a dirty sex plot, then murdered in the jail.

Impossible? Melodramatic? It can't happen here?

Why are so many good Americans still blind and snug enough to believe that we are better armed than the Argentine or Bolivia against the Nazi plotters?

The conspiracy by native traitors in the high places is more dangerous to us than all the legions of Hitler we battle in Italy.

This is the message of "Decision." It is the most terrible and necessary warning of this time. We must heed it. We must be moved and shocked. We dare not wait until they surprise us by some sudden strike and make us pass through the experiences of Europe and Russia.

"Decision" takes the offensive. It is a great People's Theatre play, well worth seeing by workers, yet, miracle of miracles, also a Broadway hit.

5 Years Ago Today
In the Daily Worker

FEBRUARY 28, 1939

MOSCOW.—Nadezhda Konstantinovna Krupskaya, Assistant People's Commissar of Education of the Russian Socialist Federated Soviet Republic and widow of V. I. Lenin, founder of the U.S.S.R., died at 6 o'clock yesterday morning. The day before she had celebrated her 70th birthday.

She was hailed throughout the Soviet Union as Lenin's closest friend and aide, and the Central Committee of the Communist Party and the Soviet government joined in sending her congratulations and best wishes for many years of work in the cause of Communism.

Krupskaya began her revolutionary activity as a young woman and devoted half a century of uninterrupted work to the struggle for the liberation of the working class and then to the victorious building of socialism.

FIVE YEARS AGO TODAY, Feb. 29, 1939, just wasn't. Remember this is Leap Year.

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